

Date: April 3, 2012

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Subject: 2011 Police Athletic League (PAL) Program Special Revenue Fund

Executive Summary

The Durham Police Department through authorization of the City Manager has developed a General Order to address fundraising and receipt of donations to support the operation of the PAL program. Funding received through donations or fundraising will be established as a Special Revenue Fund for financial support of the PAL program, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Recommendation

The administration recommends City Council to adopt the "2011 Police Athletic League (PAL) Program" Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance, in the amount of \$25,000.

Background

The City of Durham's Police Department established The Durham Police Athletic League (PAL) program in 2010. The department's PAL program has several goals: providing youth with an alternative to crime and gang activity, building bridges with the community and creating mentoring relationships between officers and youth.

More than 500 youths ages 5 to 18 have participated in the Durham Police Athletic League. The PAL program includes basketball leagues for grades 1 through 5 and ages 15 to 18, a soccer league and a baseball league. Through PAL, the Police Department has partnered with the Durham Public Schools, Durham Parks and Recreation Department, Durham Bulls Youth Athletic League, Soccer United, the Salvation Army, White Rock Baptist Church and the John Avery Boys and Girls Club.

The City of Durham through the Police Department PAL program will use this funding to expand the current PAL Program to include a mentoring initiative for youth within the City of Durham. The department recognizes the PAL program as a form of community policing which is the overall concept adhered to by the Durham Police Department and supports the program to build community relations.

Issues/Analysis

Since the PAL program is not a budgeted City program, there is limited funding to support development for our youth. Funding must be sought through grants and other means just to

maintain the current program. Administration must request permission through City Council before any expenditure of donated funds can be used for the PAL program.

By authorizing Administration to use available funding from this Special Revenue Fund up through a maximum spending cap of \$25,000.00 would allow PAL to meet the needs of the program more efficiently.

Alternatives

The alternative would be to deny this motion and continue the PAL program as it is currently, without expanding to serve a larger number of youth in the City of Durham community.

Financial Impact

The City's resources will not be impacted because the funding will come from fundraising and donations to the City's PAL program. The budget for this funding is as follows:

Budget Item	Amount
2011 PAL Program Grant	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total Project	\$25,000

SDBE Summary

This item does not require review by the office of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance.